

PETERBOROUGH MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

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Peterborough decided that their war memorial would be a new hospital to replace the one in Priestgate (now the Museum). Fundraising events were organised, a site on the west side of Midland Road at the junction with Thorpe Road was purchased and the foundation stone laid on 25 July 1925. It was opened on 14th June 1928 by Field Marshall Sir William Robertson. A separate Children's Ward was added which was opened by Prince George* in 1929.

In 1948 the hospital was absorbed into the National Health Service. Additions were made between 1960 and 1968 (including the 6-floor "skyscraper") when it became Peterborough District Hospital. It was decommissioned in 2010 when medical care was transferred to the Peterborough City Hospital at Bretton Gate. At the time of writing proposals are before the City Council for redevelopment of the site but the original memorial buildings have been scheduled to at least protect the facades.

* Later the Duke of Kent, not his brother King George VI who was known as Prince Albert before his accession.

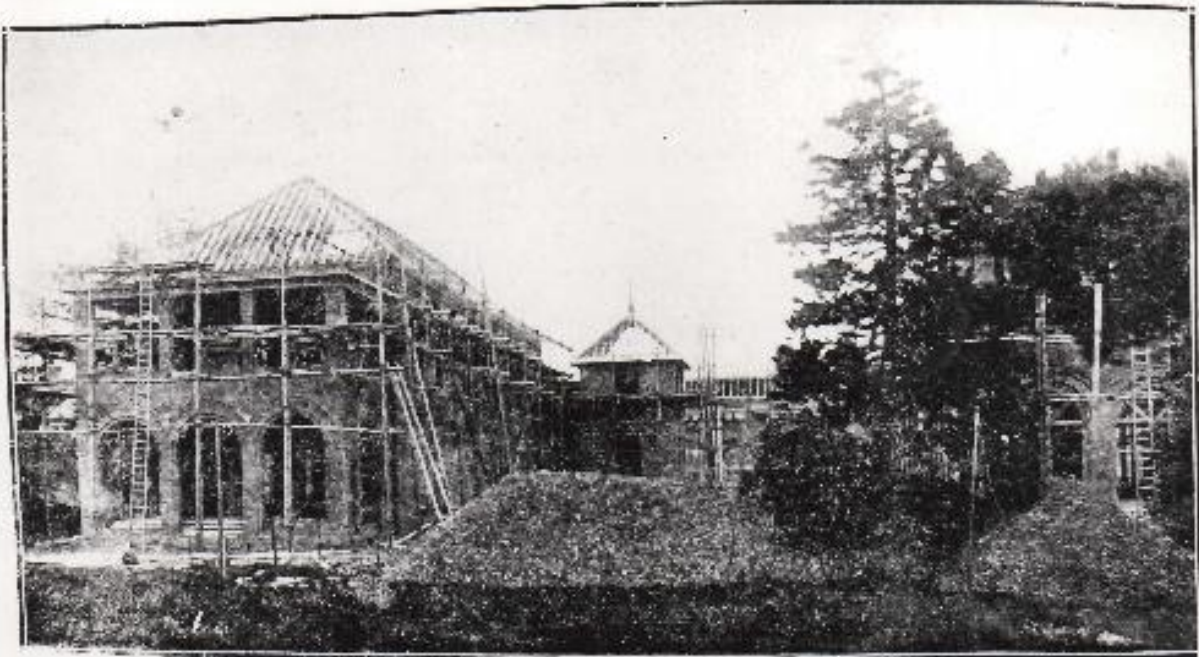


THE STONE-LAYING CEREMONY ON JULY 25TH, 1925.



LEFT TO RIGHT : MR. WALLACE MARCHMENT, MR. STEPHENSON, ALDERMAN BUNTING, THE LATE MR. R. S. JELLINGS, MR. MORRIS (CLERK OF WORKS), MR. FITZWILLIAM, DR. COLLINS, AND MR. SEARJEANT.

First ROOF of the New District Hospital at Peterborough!



THIS MAY BE CALLED THE SOLAR of Peterborough's New Memorial Hospital - the building where the patients will have their sun-baths - the first section of the noble building to have the roof on.



Memorial Hospital, Peterborough.

View from Midland Road/Thorpe Road junction



The Childrens Ward opened in 1929